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# (U) NATIONAL

# (U) Florida – Partial Lockdown Ordered for all Florida Prisons in Response to Potential Riots

(U) Jacksonville – A partial lockdown was ordered for all Florida prisons in response to tips about potential revolts at several facilities, a Department of Corrections spokeswoman confirmed. The lockdown means recreational and educational areas will be off limits to all 97,000 inmates, but inmates will still be allowed access to meal halls, phone areas and bathrooms, according to the department. It's unclear how long the lockdown will persist.

SOURCE: 17 August 2017, News 4 WJXT

#### (U) New York – NYPD Steps Up Security and Patrols

(U) New York City – The NYPD said it is closely monitoring the incident in Barcelona that has killed 13 people and injured dozens of others, and has stepped up patrols and security across the city. A spokesman said that the NYPD has added patrols in Times Square because the area is similar to the Barcelona plaza where a white van mounted a sidewalk and struck several people. The NYPD also added protection on Spanish sites in New York City, such as the consulate, out of an abundance of caution. SOURCE: 17 August 2017, NBC New York

# (U) Virginia - Man Pleads Guilty to Terrorism Charge

(U) Suffolk – A Virginian man pleaded guilty on 16 August to a charge of attempting to aid a foreign terrorism organization. FBI agents arrested Lionel Williams at his home in December 2016 after posting videos and content in support of the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) on Facebook, according to court documents. As part of the plea agreement, both sides agreed to a 20-year sentence, but the judge is reviewing the case before granting the sentence.

SOURCE: 17 August 2017, WENY New York

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Finland – Man Stabs Several People in City Market Square

(U) Turku - Police in Finland shot a man and are hunting possible other attackers after several people were stabbed in the city of Turku today. A suspected attacker was arrested after being shot in the leg, said police, and local media are reporting at least six people have been injured. Police are urging people to leave and avoid the city center while officers search for other perpetrators. The motive behind the attack is unknown and details are still emerging.

SOURCE: 18 August 2017, Independent

# (U) Peru – Minister Warns of New Drug Hotspot at Border with Brazil and Colombia

(U) Lima – A new cocaine-producing hotspot is taking root in Peru near its border with Colombia and Brazil, and local authorities worry that dissident Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) guerillas may join forces with drug traffickers there, Peru's defense minister said yesterday. Coca growing and cocaine production is expanding in the triple border region mainly because Peru stepped up efforts to crack down on drug-traffickers in the Vraem, a bundle of jungle valleys where more than

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half of Peruvian cocaine is now made. SOURCE: 17 August 2017, Reuters

#### (U) South Korea – LG Service Centers Hit by Ransomware

(U) Seoul – LG Electronics' service centers in South Korea were reportedly hit by a ransomware attack earlier this week, with authorities revealing that the ransomware's malicious code was identical to WannaCry. It remains unclear how the attack occurred and whether the ransomware used contains the original WannaCry code or a different variant of it. Authorities across the globe are still pursuing the perpetrators behind the WannaCry attack in May, which affected numerous businesses in nearly every nation worldwide.

SOURCE: 17 August 2017, Computer Weekly

# (U) Spain – Hunt for Suspect in Van Ramming Attack

(U) Barcelona – A massive manhunt is under way in Spain for the man suspected of killing 13 people and injuring scores on Barcelona's Las Ramblas. Spanish media named the man being sought as 18-year-old Moussa Oukabir, who is suspected of using his brother's documents to rent the van that mowed down people on the famous boulevard. Hours after the Barcelona attack, police killed five in a second vehicle attack in the town of Cambrils. Police said the men killed in Cambrils were linked to the Barcelona attack, which ISIS said it had carried out.

SOURCE: 18 August 2017, BBC

# (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – Agents Find 23 Migrants Hidden in Semitrailer

(U) El Paso – Federal agents found 23 migrants and more than 200 pounds of marijuana hidden in a semitrailer after pulling over the vehicle on 16 August. The El Paso Border Enforcement Security Task Force, which includes US Border Patrol and Homeland Security Investigations agents, found 18 men and two unaccompanied boys hiding behind boxes in the trailer. Agents also found two women and a man in the sleeper cabin inside the truck.

SOURCE: 17 August 2017, El Paso Times

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